

Iowa Department of Human Services

Medical Assistance Advisory Council MAAC

Michael Randol, Iowa Medicaid Director

Executive Committee Summary of Meeting Minutes July 12, 2018

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
Gerd Clabaugh – present	Jerry Foxhoven -
Dennis Tibben – present	Michael Randol - present
Dan Royer – present	Julie Lovelady -
Shelly Chandler – present	Liz Matney - present
Cindy Baddeloo – present	Kevin Kirkpatrick - present
Casey Ficek – present	Lindsay Paulson -
Lori Allen –	Sean Bagniewski -
Richard Crouch –	Luisito Cabrera - present
	Alisha Timmerman -

Introduction

Gerd called the roll call at 10:34 A.M. Executive Committee attendance is as reflected above and quorum was not met.

Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018

No vote was taken to approve the June 12, 2018, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Legislative Report Subcommittee Update

Gerd reviewed the subcommittee working document. He stated the subcommittee intends to develop recommendations by the September 11, 2018, Executive Committee meeting and for the Executive Committee to deliver a final legislative report by the December 31, 2018, deadline.

Discussion on Medical Necessity

Liz provided a general definition of medical necessity. She stated that the lowa definition of what is medically necessary is outlined in the contract and determines the appropriateness of services.

Discussion on Cost Avoidance Estimate

Mike stated that he wanted to dispel the confusion surrounding cost avoidance and cost savings by moving away from comparing Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care (MC). He stated that the methodology identified an acceptable base year for comparison and compared Medicaid cost prior to managed care and Medicaid cost after managed care.

Medicaid Director's Update

Legislative Update

Mike stated that Senate File 2418 established numerous requirements for the Medicaid program that necessitated the establishment of different workgroups to meet the various deadlines.

Dental Wellness Plan (DWP) Update

Mike stated that this involves the alignment of the Dental Wellness Plan (DWP) with *hawk-i*, and state employee dental plans and implements an annual benefit maximum (ABM) of \$1,000 to ensure sustainability.

Summary of Monthly Reports on Service Terminations and Reductions that are provided to the lowa Office of the Ombudsman

Mike stated that the IME does not provide reports on service terminations and reductions to the Ombudsman's office but that MCO reports on service terminations and reductions are monitored very closely by the IME.

Process Improvement Working Group

Mike gave a brief summary of recent activities by the main working group and the four sub groups. He stated that they are pulling together a lot of providers and provider types to make sure that the IME understands their issues and challenges and the recommendations for resolutions. He added that information regarding the various subgroups and their progress is accessible via the website. He stated that quarterly provider training is being planned but will be clarified through informational letters.

MCO Contracts

Mike stated that he anticipates that this will be completed soon for all three MCOs.

Open Discussion

Gerd updated the Executive Committee regarding the discussion at the June 12, 2018, Executive Committee meeting concerning legislative lobbying by MCOs and the potential conflict of interest that may arise. Gretchen Kramer from the Attorney General's Office suggested that this should be addressed through Ethics and Campaign Finance.

Gerd also outlined a list of items for potential inclusion in the MAAC Full Council meeting agenda.

Adjourn

11:20 A.M.